

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated in the Advisory Action that the applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of the invention, in particular that the system of the invention is a user-controlled unicast system and not a multicast system, is not recited in the claims.

The applicant has amended the claims to more clearly recite the user-controlled unicast feature of the invention. In particular, claims 21 and 29 have been amended to recite that a signal containing the user-selected channel is output only to the user's premises responsive to the one or more control signals input into the one communications interface.

The claimed system is a user-controlled unicast system and patentably distinct from the cited references, and the combination thereof, for the reasons given in the applicant's responses dated September 21 and December 18, 2009 which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

To summarize, the Examiner in the Office Action dated October 28, 2008 agreed that Adams does not teach a single output signal transmitted to one of a plurality of communications interfaces; the PBS article describes an IP ***multicasting*** system, stating "multicast is an industry-standard technique that conserves network bandwidth by sending a single stream of data that can be received by any user who wishes to tap into it," which describes a signal that is broadcast at a preset time and must be "tapped into" by the user while it is being transmitted.

The applicant therefore submits that the recitation of a signal containing the user-selected (user-controlled) channel which is output only to the user's premises, which clearly imports the 'unicast' feature of the invention, further distinguishes the invention from the prior art and especially the combination of the multicast systems described by Adams and the PBS article.

Favourable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

A Petition for an Extension of Time requesting an extension of three months for filing the subject response is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for same to our Deposit Account No. 500663.

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